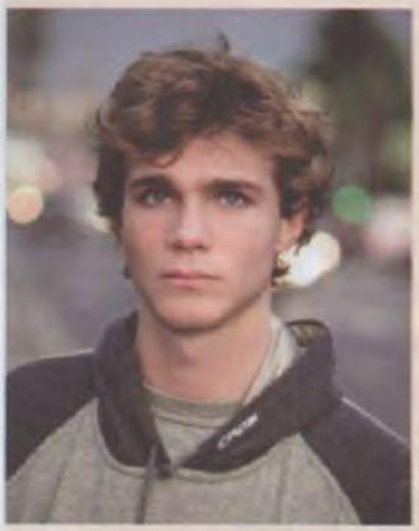
1 **Read the text below. For each gap (tasks 1-15) choose the most suitable word or expression using one of the three alternatives A, B or C and tick the correct box.**

A day in the life of Vincent



So far, it **(1)**_____ a terrible day. This morning my alarm clock didn't go **(2)**_____ and I missed the bus. I had to walk 5 miles to get to school. When I arrived, the headteacher was waiting for **(3)**_____ and asked why I was late. I **(4)**_____ him about the clock and he said I should buy a new one. In the morning, I had maths. I **(5)**_____ maths. Both of my parents, my sister and my maths teacher tell me I'm no good **(6)**_____ it. It's not nice to have seven people tell you that you're **(7)**_____. After maths, I had art. Painting is fun. I like to draw self-portraits. My teacher calls me Picasso. I explain that I just don't have a mirror. **(8)**_____ lunch, I asked a girl on a date. Her name is Mandy and she has hair down to her ears.

I have never **(9)**_____ such a beautiful girl. I thought she liked me, **(10)**_____ when I asked her to go to the cinema, she laughed and said **(11)**_____ rather put her head in the mouth of a crocodile. I said, "Okay, we could go to the zoo", but she didn't want to do that **(12)**_____ .

I guess that Mandy doesn't stare and point at me because she thinks I look like Bruce Willis. Oh, well. I hope this afternoon **(13)**_____ be better. We have an English exam. English is easy - I've been speaking it **(14)**_____ I was born. What can go wrong? As the great philosopher Monty says, "Always look on the bright side of **(15)**_____ life."

1	A) is being	☐	B) has been	☐	C) was	☐
2	A) off	☐	B) out	☐	C) up	☐
3	A) I	☐	B) me	☐	C) myself	☐
4	A) said	☐	B) spoke	☐	C) told	☐
5	A) am hating	☐	B) hates	☐	C) hate	☐
6	A) at	☐	B) on	☐	C) in	☐
7	A) hopeful	☐	B) hopeless	☐	C) hopement	☐
8	A) For	☐	B) While	☐	C) During	☐
9	A) seen	☐	B) saw	☐	C) not see	☐
10	A) as	☐	B) so	☐	C) but	☐
11	A) she's	☐	B) she	☐	C) she'd	☐
12	A) also	☐	B) either	☐	C) neither	☐
13	A) will	☐	B) would	☐	C) is to	☐
14	A) from	☐	B) for	☐	C) since	☐
15	A) -	☐	B) a	☐	C) the	☐

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2 **Read the text below. For each gap (tasks 1-15) choose the most suitable word or expression using one of the three alternatives A, B or C and tick the correct box.**

Mega wolves



When walking home from school, you need to be careful **(1)**_____ busy roads, not get lost and not speak to **(2)**_____. In some parts of Norway, you also have to try not **(3)**_____ caught by wolves. A thirteen-year-old **(4)**_____ boy, Walter Acre, had just that problem. As he was on his way home from school, he was surrounded by four **(5)**_____ wolves. He remembered that he **(6)**_____ stay calm. Unfortunately, **(7)**_____ told the wolves this and as they were about to attack, he had an even **(8)**_____ idea - to play them some music. He took his mobile phone out of his pocket, put on Megadeth and **(9)**_____ up the volume. It worked. The confused wolves ran away into the forest and Walter made it safely home. However, I guess he wasn't having a lucky day, because he also **(10)**_____ a wolf waiting outside his house. It took **(11)**_____ blast of heavy metal music for him to make it through the front door.

Not only does it make you think **(12)**_____ dangerous Norway is for school children, but also that Walter was a lucky boy. What if his telephone needed headphones? Would they fit **(13)**_____ ears? Do wolves like taking turns listening to music? And luckily for Walter, wolves don't like Megadeth, but would it work with Lady Gaga or Phil Collins? Would the wolves dance, cry or **(14)**_____ very angry? This story probably **(15)**_____ why heavy metal music is so popular in Scandinavia.

1	A) to		B) from		C) of	✓
2	A) unknowns		B) strangers	✓	C) foreigners	
3	A) be		B) to be		C) being	✓
4	A) Norwegian	✓	B) Norwish		C) Norwayan	
5	A) hunger		B) hungry	✓	C) hungrily	
6	A) should	✓	B) need		C) might	
7	A) anybody		B) somebody		C) nobody	✓
8	A) gooder		B) better	✓	C) weller	
9	A) moved		B) added		C) turned	✓
10	A) found	✓	B) have found		C) had found	
11	A) again		B) another	✓	C) also	
12	A) what		B) why		C) how	✓
13	A) wolves		B) wolve's		C) wolves'	✓
14	A) become	✓	B) being		C) go	
15	A) will explain		B) has explained		C) explains	✓

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3 **Read the text below. For each gap (tasks 1-15) choose the most suitable word or expression using one of the three alternatives A, B or C and tick the correct box.**

All dressed-up!

Dave Brown, 28, is **(1)**_____ to get angry. He works **(2)**_____ an IT support technician and usually dresses very casually in jeans and a T-shirt to go to work. **(3)**_____ sometimes he likes to dress more smartly and wear something more formal. That's when **(4)**_____ trouble starts.



He **(5)**_____ that it's almost impossible for him to wear a button-up shirt and a pair of smart trousers because every **(6)**_____ he knows asks him questions, such as where he is going or if he has **(7)**_____ a date. Or they start talking about how he's all dressed up and whether he has **(8)**_____ kind of job interview. Some people even believe he's starting his own business! Mr Brown thinks people are crazy to ask so many questions **(9)**_____ because he's wearing a tie! Even his **(10)**_____ makes a fuss when he wears a proper shirt. The last time he came home **(11)**_____ work in a button-up shirt, she kept on asking him who he **(12)**_____ for lunch that day. He finds it strange that people are **(13)**_____ suspicious of an IT technician wearing smart clothes. However, Mr Brown admitted that, on a positive note, some of his co-workers were extra nice to him and gave him less work to **(14)**_____ because they thought he **(15)**_____ to a funeral service.

(Amended from www.theonion.com)

1	A) to start	☐	B) start	☐	C) starting	☐
2	A) as	☐	B) like	☐	C) in	☐
3	A) Because	☐	B) However	☐	C) Therefore	☐
4	A) a	☐	B) –	☐	C) the	☐
5	A) says	☐	B) told	☐	C) tells	☐
6	A) person	☐	B) persons	☐	C) people	☐
7	A) get	☐	B) got	☐	C) gotted	☐
8	A) any	☐	B) some	☐	C) all	☐
9	A) just	☐	B)even	☐	C) really	☐
10	A) wive	☐	B) withe	☐	C) wife	☐
11	A) from	☐	B) in	☐	C) to	☐
12	A) meet	☐	B) have met	☐	C) had met	☐
13	A) so	☐	B) as	☐	C) about	☐
14	A) have	☐	B) do	☐	C) make	☐
15	A) goes	☐	B) is going	☐	C) was going	☐

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4 **Read the text below. For each gap (tasks 1-15) choose the most suitable word or expression using one of the three alternatives A, B or C and tick the correct box.**

Play well!

Lego may be a small toy that had a small **(1)**_____, but it's also one of the biggest toy companies **(2)**_____ the world. Lego **(3)**_____ in the workshop of Ole Kirk Christiansen, a Danish carpenter **(4)**_____ made furniture for farmers. In 1932, when Ole Kirk's business was not going well, he started to make wooden toys.The first toys he made were yo-yos. These did not sell **(5)**_____ and he used the unsold yo-yos to make wheels for a wooden toy truck. The name Lego was born **(6)**_____ this time. It is two words in Danish put together - leg godt (play well).

At the end of the 1940s, toys started to be made from plastic and Ole Kirk began making a toy truck that could be put together and pulled apart. This led **(7)**_____ to creating the Lego plastic brick. Unfortunately, plastic toys were not very popular and it took **(8)**_____ ten years and the invention of the Lego wheel before things started to happen. Putting wheels **(9)**_____ the bricks made Lego a huge success and helped the company move forward.

One thing that has helped Lego to keep growing so quickly has been the emphasis on invention. The company motto is "A new toy **(10)**_____ !", and they have a whole team of people **(11)**_____ job is to think of new Lego ideas. The most successful **(12)**_____ far has been the Lego train and the space explorer set. Lego estimate that **(13)**_____ the last 50 years they have sold 400 billion Lego blocks. If all the Lego bricks ever produced **(14)**_____ divided between all the **(15)**_____ in the world, everyone would have 62 Lego bricks each.



1	A) beginning	☐	B) happening	☐	C) birthing	☐
2	A) at	☐	B) on	☐	C) in	☐
3	A) starts	☐	B) started	☐	C) has started	☐
4	A) which	☐	B) who	☐	C) whose	☐
5	A) well	☐	B) good	☐	C) best	☐
6	A) through	☐	B) over	☐	C) around	☐
7	A) her	☐	B) him	☐	C) it	☐
8	A) more	☐	B) again	☐	C) another	☐
9	A) to	☐	B) on	☐	C) in	☐
10	A) every day	☐	B) all day	☐	C) whole day	☐
11	A) who	☐	B) whose	☐	C) whom	☐
12	A) as	☐	B) too	☐	C) so	☐
13	A) during	☐	B) while	☐	C) among	☐
14	A) was	☐	B) were	☐	C) are	☐
15	A) peoples	☐	B) persons	☐	C) people	☐

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5 **Read the text below. For each gap (tasks 1-15) choose the most suitable word or expression using one of the three alternatives A, B or C and tick the correct box.**

Don't forget to open your parachute!

A skydiver had an amazing escape **(1)**_____ he fell 6,000 feet onto a mountain without a parachute.
It wasn't part of **(2)**_____ plan. James Boole, 31, was filming another person skydiving **(3)**_____ a volcano in Russian when the worst thing happened - he **(4)**_____ to open his parachute! **(5)**_____ estimated that he had been travelling at 100 miles per hour when he hit the snow-covered rocks. During his career, **(6)**_____ Boole has done around 3,500 parachute jumps.
He was busy filming for a television programme when he suddenly realised that he **(7)**_____ see the snow very clearly through the camera lens. He knew that meant he had only a few seconds before he would hit the ground. His last thought was, "This is going to hurt **(8)**_____!" The skydiver **(9)**_____ a one-metre deep hole in the snow where he landed. **(10)**_____ first he was just amazed that he was still alive, then he felt **(11)**_____ pain he'd ever felt in his back.



(12)_____ for him, he was rescued by a helicopter and taken to the nearest Russian hospital. From the fall, he had broken **(13)**_____ back and a rib, damaged his lungs and broken a tooth.
If it wasn't for the snow, he **(14)**_____ dead! James, who is **(15)**_____ recovering at home, says,"I feel like the luckiest man in the world."

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1	A) while	☐	B) when	☐	C) during	☐
2	A) a	☐	B) an	☐	C) the	☐
3	A) through	☐	B) between	☐	C) over	☐
4	A) forgot	☐	B) forgets	☐	C) has forgotten	☐
5	A) It	☐	B) It's	☐	C) Its	☐
6	A) mr	☐	B) MR	☐	C) Mr	☐
7	A) could	☐	B) must	☐	C) has to	☐
8	A) much	☐	B) a lot	☐	C) many	☐
9	A) did	☐	B) had	☐	C) made	☐
10	A) In	☐	B) At	☐	C) On	☐
11	A) the worst	☐	B) the baddest	☐	C) worser	☐
12	A) Luckaly	☐	B) Luckely	☐	C) Luckily	☐
13	A) his	☐	B) her	☐	C) their	☐
14	A) is	☐	B) will be	☐	C) would be	☐
15	A) before	☐	B) now	☐	C) after	☐

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6 **Read the text below. For each gap (tasks 1-15) choose the most suitable word or expression using one of the three alternatives A, B or C and tick the correct box.**

Who killed the dinosaurs?

The **(1)**_____ popular theory of why the dinosaurs died is that an asteroid **(2)**_____ the Earth. The impact from this threw up a huge cloud of dust **(3)**_____ blocked out the sun. This caused the plants **(4)**_____ Earth to die. The plant-eating dinosaurs soon starved to death because they had **(5)**_____ to eat. The meat-eating dinosaurs needed the plant-eating ones to survive. Another theory is that climate change killed the dinosaurs. Scientists believe that the Earth became **(6)**_____ towards the end of the dinosaur period and that cold-blooded dinosaurs found it difficult to adapt. Alternatively, the Earth may have become warmer, causing the ice caps to melt. **(7)**_____ the dinosaurs have drowned? Other people believe that **(8)**_____ a huge volcano had erupted, it might have blocked out the sun with its ash cloud. This might have killed the dinosaurs that needed sunlight to live. Some people even claim that dinosaurs - the largest creatures ever **(9)**_____ - were killed by something as small **(10)**_____ an insect. Could a killer disease carried by insects have infected the dinosaurs and killed them **(11)**_____ ? Scientists, like detectives, **(12)**_____ facts and clues to solve a mystery. In rock samples of around the time dinosaurs disappeared, large amounts of iridium can be found. Iridium isn't normally found on Earth **(13)**_____ it is found on Asteroids. Also, there is a large crater hole **(14)**_____ Mexico which was formed around this time. It's **(15)**_____ a mystery, but scientists are guessing in the right direction.



1	A) greatest	☐	B) most	☐	C) more	☐
2	A) hits	☐	B) hit	☐	C) has hit	☐
3	A) who	☐	B) where	☐	C) which	☐
4	A) in	☐	B) at	☐	C) on	☐
5	A) nothing	☐	B) not anything	☐	C) everything	☐
6	A) cold	☐	B) colder	☐	C) the coldest	☐
7	A) Could	☐	B) Must	☐	C) Can't	☐
8	A) when	☐	B) as	☐	C) if	☐
9	A) knew	☐	B) knowing	☐	C) known	☐
10	A) as	☐	B) so	☐	C) like	☐
11	A) every	☐	B) all	☐	C) each	☐
12	A) have to	☐	B) must	☐	C) need	☐
13	A) because	☐	B) but	☐	C) as	☐
14	A) in	☐	B) from	☐	C) of	☐
15	A) yet	☐	B) still	☐	C) since	☐

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